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(a) presenting on said viewing screen a plurality of investment parameters, at least one of said investment parameters being selectable by user operation of said computer input device as a proposed filter condition;

(b) presenting on said viewing screen a population chart showing the population of said financial instruments in different categories for said proposed filter condition of an i^{th} one of said filter passes, where i is any integer from 1 to n , said proposed filter condition including (a) at least one investment parameter selected by user operation of said computer input device and (b) all filter conditions for previously performed ones of said filter passes;

(c) executing said proposed filter pass in response to a run command generated by user operation of said computer input device; and

(d) repeating steps (a), (b) and (c) until the n^{th} filter pass has been performed.

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42. (Amended) A method of searching a universe of financial instruments comprising:

(a) presenting a histogram including a plurality of display elements that represent different groupings of an investment parameter, wherein said groupings are frequency of occurrence groupings;

(b) identifying for each of said display elements a filter condition for said investment parameter; and

(c) presenting an associated actuator for each of said filter conditions for selective actuation by a user.

Please add the following new claim: